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Art Unit: 3629

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From: Stephen P. Burr

Subject: U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/761,844  
Filed: January 16, 2001  
Conf. No.: 6241  
Title: CHARGE INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
FRANCHISE SYSTEM PROVIDED WITH THE CHARGE . . .

Our Ref.: 892\_015

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• Amendment (pp.1-16)	16 pages
• Appendix A - copy of 1/16/01 Claim for Priority and postcard receipt	3 pages
• This Facsimile Cover Sheet	1 page

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**PATENT AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

(Provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 Apply)

Application Number	09/761,844	Filing Date	January 16, 2001
Group Art Unit	3629	Examiner Name	Nelson, Freda Ann
Confirmation No.	6241	Attorney Docket No.	892_015
Inventor(s)	Masashi ONOUE		
Invention:	CHARGE INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, FRANCHISE SYSTEM PROVIDED WITH THE CHARGE INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, CHARGE CALCULATING METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND PROGRAM		

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as follows:

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest Number Previously Paid	(5) No. of Extra Claims Present	(6) Rate (Large Entity)	(7) Additional Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	32	MINUS	33		\$50.00	\$00.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	MINUS	6		\$200.00	\$00.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>						<b>\$00.00</b>

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- ☐ This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small entity fee are as follows:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) .....   | \$120.00   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) .....   | \$450.00   |  |
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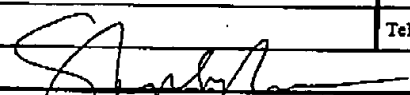
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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is:

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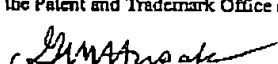
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Serial No.: 09/761,844

Group Art Unit: 3629

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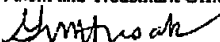
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2005, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin  
on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

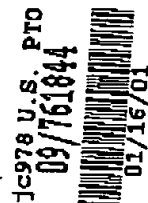
Appendix A, including a copy of the Claim for Priority filed January 16, 2001  
and the postcard receipt, is attached hereto after page 16 of this paper.

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Your mail room stamp hereon will acknowledge receipt of a New Application Transmittal (in duplicate), a Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet, a patent application consisting of 39 pages of Specification, 9 pages of Claims (33 claims, 6 indep.), 1 page Abstract, 5 sheets of Drawings (Figs. 1-5), a combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages), a *preliminary Amendment*, a *X* Claim for Priority and a certified copy of Japanese Application 2000-245861 filed August 14, 2000,, an Assignment Transmittal and Assignment, and our check in the amount of \$1,224.00 for:

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